

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 16, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 32, 2/14/2017; HB 168, 2/14/2017; HB 225, 2/14/2017; HB 270, 2/14/2017; SB 85, 2/14/2017

Executive Action: HB 32; HB 228; HB 270; HB 339

HEARING ON HB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 225, Funding of maintenance for paved paths.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:56 Lynn Zanto, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:19 Rep. Tschida

00:06:48 Rep. Greef

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:21 Rep. Greef

HEARING ON HB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:06 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 168, Provide for expungement of criminal records for misdemeanors.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:10 Rep. Dudik

00:10:43 Rep. Brown

00:10:46 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:04 Rep. Brown

HEARING ON HB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:28 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 32, Revise school funding related to special education.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:44 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:18:58 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:20:14 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:20:42 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

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00:21:30 Vern Beffert, Park County Special Education Co-op, Montana Council of
Administration of Special Education (MCASE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:22:48 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:04 Rep. Woods

00:24:35 Ken Bailey, OPI

00:24:43 Rep. Woods

00:24:51 Ken Bailey, OPI

00:25:04 Rep. Woods

00:25:09 Ken Bailey, OPI

00:25:22 Rep. Woods

00:25:51 Ken Bailey, OPI

00:26:10 Chair Ballance

00:26:24 Ken Bailey, OPI

00:26:44 Chair Ballance

00:27:15 Rep. Kelker

00:27:53 Chair Ballance

00:28:16 Rep. Kelker

00:28:32 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:28:51 Rep. Kelker

00:30:04 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:30:15 Rep. Kelker

00:30:36 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:30:46 Rep. Kelker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:22 Rep. Kelker

HEARING ON HB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:24 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 270, Generally
revise funding for K-12 career technical education.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:37 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:37:17 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:37:39 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:48 Rep. Ellis
00:40:28 Rep. Anderson
00:42:00 Rep. Cook left the meeting
00:42:07 Rep. Woods
00:42:35 Rep. Anderson
00:43:10 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:43:36 Rep. Anderson
00:45:17 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:46:08 Chair Ballance
00:46:14 Rep. Ellis
00:46:39 Chair Ballance
00:47:15 Rep. Keane
00:47:35 Rep. Anderson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:53 Rep. Anderson

HEARING ON SB 85

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:17 Sen. J.P. Pomnichowski (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 85, Submitting a 6-mill levy for support of the Montana University System to voters.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:49 Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
00:52:14 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)
00:52:57 Dillon Ecord, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)
00:53:17 Katie Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG)
00:53:40 Abigail Belcher, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)
00:54:03 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
00:54:19 Eric Bergman, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:54:41 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:31 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:57:56 Recessed - Vice Chair Brodehl, Rep. Bartel and Rep. Burnett was excused
01:17:08 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 32

01:17:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 32 DO PASS**. Motion failed 10-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Knokey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cook and Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

01:18:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glimm moved that **HB 32 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cook and Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 228

01:20:04 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 228 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:20:13 Rep. Keane

01:20:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cook and Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 270

01:21:04 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 270 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:21:12 Vice Chair McCarthy

01:22:42 Rep. Jones

01:23:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Knokey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cook and Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

01:24:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glimm moved that **HB 270 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cook and Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 339

01:25:17 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 339 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:25:30 Vice Chair McCarthy

01:26:10 Rep. Glimm

01:26:16 Vice Chair McCarthy

01:26:37 Rep. Glimm

01:28:15 Rep. Keane

01:28:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cook and Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

01:30:09 Chair Ballance

01:30:44 Rep. Ellis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:31:50

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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